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FOR AA/AFR ADAMS FROM RDO MCADAMS

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH OSRO DIRECTOR STEVENSON

1. AFTER MEETING OF OSRO AND DONOR COUNTRIES,
RDO HAD PRIVATE MEETING HIS OFFICE WITH OSRO STAFF
AND USAID OFFICERS.
2. POINTS COVERED IN YOUR BRIEFING FOLDER WERE
DISCUSSED WITH STEVENSON AND WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.
3. STEVENSON HOWEVVER ADVISED HE DEEPLY REGRETED NOT
HAVING BEEN ABLE TO HAVE HAD PLANNED DISCUSSIONS
WITH YOU DUE TO AIRPLANE "FORCE MAJEURE".
4. HE WANTED VERY MUCH TO DISCUSS SOME URGENT POINTS
WITH YOU AND PERHAPS AFTER HIS TRIP TO LONDON WOULD
CONTACT YOU AND FLY US.
5. AMONG POINTS STEVENSON WISHED TO DISCUSS WERE THE

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STRUCTURE OF OSRO. WHAT EXACTLY IS MEANT BY "EVEN FLOW

OF SUPPLIES"? HE ALSO WONDERS IF THE US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING OSRO OPEN UP AN OFFICE IN OUAGADOUGOU, PERHAPS SUPPLYING A FULL TIME AID EMPLOYEE. OFFICE WILL BE RUN BY TREVOR PAGE OF OSRO, OBJECT IS HAVE MAN IN AREA TO ASSIST DONOR COUNTRIES, COORDINATE DELIVERIES ETC.

6. STEVENSON SAID ALL HIS IDEAS WERE DIFFICULT TO PUT IN A CABLE AND FOR THIS REASON HE WOULD DEFINITELY PLAN A US TRIP ALSO SO THAT PRIOR TO ADVISING OTHER DONORS HE WOULD KNOW THE US OPINION.

7. ANOTHER POINT HE WANTED TO COVER WITH YOU WAS THE COMPOSITION OF EVALUATION TEAMS. SHOULD THEY CONTAIN AGRONOMISTS, NUTRITIONISTS, STATISTICIANS, ETC.?

8. HE FURTHER STATED SINCE THERE IS NO DOUBT US IS AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE THE MAJOR DONOR HE WISHES TO ALWAYS WORK CLOSELY WITH US WITHOUT OTHER DONOR KNOWLEDGE.

9. STEVENSON FINAL POINT HE WISHED TO COVER WITH YOU WAS A REQUEST FROM THE NIGER MIN OF HEALTH FOR 150,000 PILLS USED TO COMBAT BLINDNESS CAUSED BY A VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY. NIGER WOULD NEED 200,000 CAPSULES OR PILLS FOR 100,000 BENEFICIARIES. UNICEF HAS ALREADY AGREED TO SUPPLY 50,000. IS US INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING THE BALANCE? HE UNDERSTANDS THESE PILLS ARE TAKEN TWICE YEARLY UNDER STRICT MEDICAL SUPERVISION AS HARMFUL SIDE EFFECTS CAN OCCUR WITHOUT MEDICAL GUIDANCE. HE DID NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE CAPSULE OR PILL.

10. WILL REPORT FURTHER STEVENSON CONVERSATIONS IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

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